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Sally Bourget, Clerk of Court
Cumberland County Superior Court
142 Federal Street
P.O. Box 287
Portland, Maine 04112-0287

Re: Maine Association of Health Plans v. Dirigo Health Agency
Docket No. AP 05-94

Dear Ms. Bourget:

Please find enclosed Consumers for Affordable Health Care's Notice of Appearance and Statement of Position filed pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A. §11005 in the above captioned matter and in accordance with M.R.Civ.P. 6 and 80C.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph P. Ditré, Esq.

Pc:

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MAINE ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH PLANS)	NOTICE OF APPEARANCE
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)	AND
v.)	
)	STATEMENT OF POSITION
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DIRIGO HEALTH AGENCY)	

NOW COMES Consumers for Affordable Health Care, Inc. (hereafter “CAHC”), a party in interest, by and through its undersigned counsel, and pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A. §11005 and in accordance with M.R.Civ.P. 80C, enter an appearance and statement of position.

Statement of Position

1. CAHC, with a principal place of business at 39 Green Street, Augusta, Maine, is the state’s largest consumer health coalition. Its mission is to advocate for affordable, quality health care for every man, woman, and child. Its membership includes over 77 members, including 33 organizations and businesses. These organization and business members include consumer organizations such as the Maine Council of Senior Citizens, labor unions and organizations including the Maine AFL-CIO, small businesses, faith-based organizations including the Maine Council of Churches and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland, and health care provider associations such as the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill/Maine, the Maine State Nurses Association, the Maine Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, and many others. CAHC’s members also include uninsured individuals and families in Maine. Its collective membership represents the health care and coverage interests of over 200,000 Maine citizens.

2. CAHC is a party-in-interest to the related cases Maine Automobile Dealers Association Insurance Trust v. Superintendent of Insurance, Kennebec County Superior Court, Docket No. AP-05-74, Maine State Chamber of Commerce v. Alessandro A. Iuppa, Superintendent, Maine Bureau of Insurance, Kennebec County Superior Court, Docket No. AP-05-75, Maine

Association of Health Plans v. Superintendent, State of Maine Bureau of Insurance, Cumberland County Superior Court, Docket No. AP-05-90 and was a party to the related adjudicatory proceeding before the Superintendent of Insurance held on October 24th and 27th, 2005;

3. CAHC's members will or may be substantially and directly affected by these proceedings because [1] they purchase DirigoChoice or [2] they would purchase DirigoChoice if coverage were expanded at lower rates using subsidies funded by the assessment in question or [3] they purchase insurance from health insurers whose rates will or may be affected by these proceedings, or [4] they represent organizations that have the foregoing interests.

4. It is the position of Consumers for Affordable Health Care that the decision of the Dirigo Health Agency Board of Directors should be affirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on January 11, 2006, copies of Consumers for Affordable Health Care's **Notice of Appearance and Statement of Position** were served on each of the persons listed below by first class mail and electronically.

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